

EMS for Children Committee Meeting
Office of EMS
1041 Technology Park Drive, Glen Allen, VA
October 7, 2010
3-5 p.m.

| Members Present: | OEMS Staff: | Others: |
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| Robin Foster, MD , VCU, EMSC Committee Chair | Paul Sharpe , Trauma/Critical Care Coordinator, VDH, OEMS | Tina Turgel , HRSA |
| David P. Edwards, MBA , VDH, OEMS, Virginia EMS for Children Coordinator | Wanda Street , Secretary Senior, VDH, OEMS | Jocelyn Hulbert , HRSA |
| Petra Connell, Ph.D., MPH , EMSC Family Representative | | Diana Fendya , NRC |
| Virginia Powell, Ph.D. , VDH, Office of the Chief Medical Examiner | | |
| Kae Bruch , Virginia Association of School Nurses Representative | | |
| Barbara Kahler, MD , VA AAP Representative | | |
| Sam Bartle, MD , VCU, VA ACEP Representative | | |
| Cathy Fox, RN , Virginia Emergency Nurses Association Representative | | |
| Theresa Guins, MD , Pediatric ED Physician, EMSC Program Medical Director | | |

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| Call to order: | The meeting was called to order by Dr. Foster at 3:0 p.m. | |
| Approval of Minutes from the July 8, 2010 meeting: | A motion was made to review and approve the minutes. Petra moved the motion and Dr. Guins seconded it. David Edwards reported that the Gang Violence & Awareness Presentation will be held at 9:00 am Sunday, November 14 at the OEMS Symposium in Norfolk. | The minutes were approved as submitted. |
| Introductions: | David Edwards introduced Diana Fendya, RN of the EMSC National Resource Center (NRC), Jocelyn Hulbert, RN and Tina Turgel, RN from the Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB) within the Health Resource and Services Administration (HRSA). HRSA is the home for the National EMS for Children program, which funds Virginia's EMS for Children program with the Office of EMS. Dr. Foster also introduced Dr. Sam Bartle, the new representative from the VA chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP), and everyone else around the room introduced themselves. | |
| Chairperson's Report – Dr. Robin Foster: | Safe Routes to School Initiative At the last Advisory Board Meeting in August, Dr. Remley reported on a partnership between VDOT & VDH for Safe | |

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| | <p>Routes to School program. It encourages children to walk to school and for buses to drop children off a little further away from their homes in order to allow for some walking distance. Virginia is one of 20 participants who are federally funded to participate in this program. Just this week the Richmond Times Dispatch printed an article and a picture of students walking from Linwood Holton Elementary School, a school on the north side of Richmond that is participating in the Safe Route to School initiative. Dr. Foster feels that this initiative has great potential.</p> <p>VCU Gang Awareness/Prevention Initiative VCU has initiated a program targeting youth gang violence victims. This initiative was presented in Boston at the American Association of Surgery for Trauma (AAST). Eighty children have been enrolled in this pilot study. In-hospital education is being offered to half of the children and the other half are receiving case management with wrap around services. The data was presented at the AAST. If anyone has an interest in this program, please let Dr. Foster know; she has a copy of the paper.</p> <p>EMSAT The “Pediatric Respiratory Emergencies” EMSAT video (satellite educational presentation) has been completed; however, Dr. Foster has not yet viewed the final product.</p> <p>Other Items Dr. Foster will be teaching two classes at the annual EMS Symposium in November; “The Healthy Child Who Becomes Acutely Ill” and “Sports Injuries”.</p> <p>Two special presentations are tentatively scheduled for the January 6, 2011 EMSC Committee meeting; “The Games Adolescents Shouldn’t Play (GASP)--Choking Game” (presented by Cathy Fox) and “Safe Sleep for EMS Providers” (presented by Kathleen Moline and Heather Board).</p> | |
| <p>Special Presentation: OPR Update -</p> | <p>David Edwards, VA EMSC Coordinator, shared a PowerPoint presentation designed to explain to everyone on HRSA’s performance review process. Tina Turgel, the HRSA EMSC Project Officer, explained that the purpose of the Office of Performance Review’s initial visit to OEMS in 2007 was to look at how the HRSA grant funds were being utilized and to offer assistance to the Virginia EMSC program in effectively addressing their unique challenges in measuring and meeting the national EMSC Performance Measures. The Performance Measures had been developed in 2003 to meet the needs of HRSA in showing that funding for the EMSC program was resulting in progress toward improving pediatric emergency medical care in the United States. Data relating to each state’s status in relation to the measures is vital in evaluating the EMSC program’s overall effectiveness. The Office of Performance Review (OPR) performed these evaluations until the office was disbanded last year. Now, Project Officer’s like Tina are following up on the initial OPR visits to determine whether progress has been made and to offer additional help in moving toward achieving the national EMSC Performance Measures.</p> <p>David Edwards explained that in the beginning, when surveys of EMS agencies and licensed hospitals first attempted to assess Virginia’s status in relation to the Performance Measures, the response rate was very low, most likely due to a poor EMS agency contact database and a lack of willingness by hospitals and EMS agencies to complete the surveys. Both David and Paul Sharpe feel that when the surveys are conducted this time, Virginia’s response rate will be improved. The hospital and agency surveys will be launched simultaneously in the next few weeks. 87 hospitals will be surveyed</p> | |

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| | <p>(which includes 7 Critical Access Hospitals [CAH]), as well as approximately 250 EMS agencies, which represents an approved “sample size” from the 650 agencies we have in Virginia. There are 9 free standing emergency departments in the state that are affiliated with major hospitals, but these will not be included in the survey.</p> <p>The intent of the initial OPR visit was to focus on items that would be the most challenging for Virginia from the Performance Measures (and not on measures that were already achieved or close to being achieved). David discussed in detail all 5 recommendations that were included in the Action Plan that was a product of the initial OPR site visit, and described the current status of the sub-items included within the recommendations. Along the way, Tina Turgel, Jocelyn Hulbert (HRSA) and Diana Fendya (EMSC National Resource Center) provided positive feedback and specific recommendations that may assist in making further progress in implementing the 5-step action plan to continue to move Virginia’s EMSC program forward.</p> | |
| New Business: | Guidance for the non-competing continuation progress report to HRSA is expected to be received in the near future, with a very short required turnaround expected. This new report replaces the non-competing grant continuation application that normally was required annually for EMSC grantees. David Edwards asked members of the Committee to consider ideas for the EMSC program budget that will begin in March 2011, and to forward these to him as soon as possible for discussion and consideration. There is a strong possibility that the EMSC State Partnership Grant amount for the 2011-2012 fiscal year will actually increase from the current level of \$130,000. | David will report back to the next meeting on the progress report and EMSC budget proposal for 2011-2012. |
| Public Comment: | None. | |
| Adjournment: | The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:00 p.m. | The next meeting will be held January 6, 2011 at 1041 Technology Park Drive, Glen Allen, VA. |